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		Application Number	09/892,954
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL		Filing Date	June 27, 2001
		First Named Inventor	Nicole S. Carpenter et al.
		Group Art Unit	1746
Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility		Examiner Name	Gentle E. Winter
or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).		Attorney Docket No.	BUR920000141US1

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**
   a. ☐ Previously submitted
      i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
         (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
      ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
      iii. ☐ Other _____
   b. ☒ Enclosed
      i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
      ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
      iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
      iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**
   a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) **required**).
   b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees**   The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
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      ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
      iii. ☐ Other _____
   b. ☐ Check in the amount of $_____ enclosed
   c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Amendment Response/Transmittal

In re application of: Nicole S. Carpenter et al.

Serial No.   09/892,954

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For: CLEANING OF SEMICONDUCTOR WAFERS BY CONTAMINATE ENCAPSULATION

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Sir: Date: December 22, 2003

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Transmitted herewith for filing is an **Amendment/Response** in the above-identified Application.

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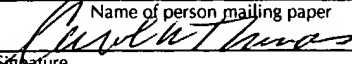
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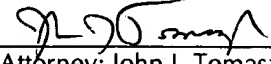
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Rejection Office Action mailed September 30, 2003 and Advisory Action mailed December 12, 2003, please reconsider the above-identified RCE application in view of the following amendments and remarks.